BELSHAZZAR'S FEAST AND FATE

Sunday School Lesson for Nov. 12, 1911

Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT—Daniel 5.
MEMORY VERSES—25, 28.
GOLDEN TEXT—"God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil."—Eccl. 12:14.
TIME—The event described belongs to the last years of the exile, B. C. 539, when Babylon was taken by Cyrus and his generals.
The decree of return, and the first return, occurred a year or two later.
PLACE—Babylon the capital, enlarged, beautified and fortified by Nebuchadnezzar.

Under the great Nebuchadnezzar Babylon rose in grandeur, power and extent, till it became the most magnificent and beautiful city of antiquity. In those days Babylon was the metropolis of the world, the center of commerce, art and wisdom. The wealth of the world poured into its coffers. Babylon was the strongest fortress in all the world. Belshazzar was the acting king of Babylon at the time of this lesson, while his father Nabonidus was the nominal and legal king who lived and warred outside of the city.

Cyrus had been advancing toward Babylon. He gained a decisive victory over Nabonidus, on his way to the capital, and his army entered the city without fighting, and peace was proclaimed. A portion of the city, probably the citadel including the royal palace, held out for some time, being occupied by the army of Belshazzar as a rallying place. Two or three weeks later Cyrus made his triumphal entry into the city. Seven days later, the general of Cyrus stormed that part of Babylon which had held out against his army, and on that night Belshazzar was slain. It was during this week that Belshazzer made a magnificent banquet to encourage his generals and princes in their struggle with the Medo-Persian foe.

At his feast, therefore, Belshazzar sought to remind his warriors of the old campaigns their forefathers had fought. He had in his possession the treasures which these forefathers had carried from Jerusalem when they conquered Israel and, as it seemed to them, Israel's Jehovah. His conduct thus was not merely that of a drunken debauchee, but partly of a cool politician, when amid the applause of a thousand courtiers and army commanders he ordered the sacred vessels of the Temple of Jerusalem to be brought into the hall of feasting. Such a scene would fill the hearts of the wine-inflamed warriors and nobles to overflowing with daring, and also bring a worthy occasion for the divine interference to encourage his people on the eve of their deliverance.

In the midst of the carousal, the king saw the fingers of a man's hand writing strange words, "letters of fate and characters of fear," on the wall in the full blaze of the candlestick, perhaps the great golden candlestick taken from the temple. There is something blood-curdling in the visibility of but a part of the hand and its busy writing.

Belshazzar, in his terror and horror, summoned his wise men to declare what the strange apparition and the blazing letters meant, and promised great rewards to the one who should interpret them; but all failed. Either they could not make sense of the letters, or could not perceive what meaning they had.

Then the queen mother, mother of Belshazzar, came in and spoke of Daniel as one who had shown great gifts at interpretation to his grandfather Nebuchadnezzar. It took place before this boy king was born, and he, naturally, knew nothing about the story. Daniel was sent for, and came into the festival hall. He heard the king's offer, and spurning it, spoke brave and true words which might easily cost him his life. He told the story of Nebuchadnezzar's fall from the height of pride, and accused him of dishonoring the true God. Then he interpreted the message written on the palace walls: "Thou art weighed in the balances and found wanting."

The want of religious restraints and motives, exposes one undefended to the powers of temptation. Belshazzar would enrich the splendor of his feast by the sacred goblets and dishes of gold that Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple at Jerusalem. They were brought, and made to be instruments for drunken revelry and lust, and worship of idols, thus declaring that the idols had given them the victory over the God of the Jews.

The social power of the wine cup, its connection with feasting, comradeship, hospitality, good cheer, is one of its most dangerous attractions. And one of the chief defences against its power lies in showing that good cheer, fellowship, sociability, eating together, may be enjoyed in the highest degree where men "eat and drink and in communion sweet quaff immortality and joy," without the fascination of the wine cup.

Belshazzar lost his city and his kingdom. So still by intemperance are men continually throwing away the kingdom God has prepared for them, the kingdom of manhood, the kingdom of self-control, the kingdom of the world in which we live and of its laws which we can compel to aid us in all that is good.

The days of intemperance are numbered when all the boys become total abstainers. The wise young man sees to it that the whole question of the use of intoxicating liquors is weighed in the balances of reason, of science, of observation.

NEW RADISH GAINING FAVOR

Sakurajima Variety From Japan Becoming Quite Popular—Thrives in Almost Any Soil.

The Sakurajima radish, which comes from Japan, is becoming quite popular in this country, and is now raised in thousands of gardens. It will thrive in almost any good soil that will grow other radishes. The seeds, which may be obtained from any dealer, should be sown thinly and covered lightly.

After the plants appear they must be thinned vigorously, because these radishes grow to an enormous size, small ones being from four to six inches in diameter.

These radishes are at their best when about half grown, as they become somewhat strong and woody if allowed to grow too large. The Japanese boil them like turnips or cabbage, but they may be eaten raw.

Size of Sakurajima Radish as Compared With Water Bucket.

INCREASING HUMUS IN SOIL

It Can Be Seen by Figures Given Herewith That Task Is Not an Easy One to Do.

Much soil is lacking in humus and of this condition a great deal is being written. The reader is likely to conclude that he can, within a very few years, build up a large humus content in his soil. It can be seen by the following figures that this is not an easy thing to do. It has been found that not over ten per cent. of the organic matter plowed under can be figured on as being converted into humus. The surface eight inches of the average clay loam weighs approximately about 2,000,000 pounds. Taking the humus content as five per cent. you would have 100,000 pounds to the acre. If the farmer should ever turn under four tons of organic matter per acre annually, it would take a very long time to build up a large humus content.

Fifty years would be a short time in which to accumulate humus to any extent, and even a longer time would be required if one removes a crop from time to time. From these figures one should not conclude that the addition of humus to the soil is not highly desirable, for it is. It can be seen, however, that at the most we can do but little more within our short lives than to maintain the humus at a certain percentage by frequent green manuring, and by plowing under everything we can get onto the land.

HORSE AS A POTATO DIGGER

Pennsylvania Farmer Has Animal That Paws Up Tubers as Cleanly as Patent Machine.

A Pennsylvania farmer says he has a horse which has a mania for pawing up potatoes, and he is going to employ him for that purpose. The farmer

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FARM NOTES

The disk will never take the place of the plow.

Many pastures fail because they are not made right.

Experience has shown that fall plowing is most satisfactory.

Legumes should be included in every well-planned rotation.

Straw is much too valuable to be allowed to rot in the stack.

It is in seasons like this that the disk plow comes to the front.

Corrosive sublimate is the most efficient disinfectant under ordinary conditions.

Heavy clay soils that puddle and bake after a rain are benefited by the addition of lime.

One way to ease the work on the farm and make it more attractive is to systematize it.

The larvae of the blister beetle or potato bug will subsist almost wholly on grasshopper eggs.

Recognition of the advantages of plenty of horse power will increase interest in and extend the use of the farm tractor.

Rotation is as necessary to the growing of profitable crops as variety of food is essential to the health of the individual.

Parsnips for table use will possess a much milder and sweeter flavor if covered with some sort of refuse right where they grew and allowed to remain in the ground and freeze before using.

Obituary.

Henry Eyler Purdy was born in New Market township, Highland county, Ohio, Jan. 31, 1848 and his life with the exception of 11 years which were spent in Illinois, was lived within a few miles of his birth place.

He was one of a family of eight children, five sisters and three brothers, of whom two sisters and one brother survive him.

While in Illinois Dec 9, 1874 he was married to Sarah E. Rittenhouse. To them four children were given. The two eldest, Ivan and Ethel, were called higher several years ago. The two youngest daughters, Mrs. May Brown and Mrs. Pearl Pence, remain to comfort their mother in this, her great and irreparable loss.

Three little granddaughters, too young to appreciate the fullness of the love lavished upon them, were objects of his tenderest solicitude.

When a very young man he united with the church at Ambrose Chapel, which was then a flourishing United Brethren church.

Moving from that neighborhood some time afterwards he had never carried his membership elsewhere.

Though of a undemonstrative nature, he was a loyal citizen, a staunch friend, a kindly neighbor, ever ready to extend a helping hand to one in need or trouble.

Few outside attractions interested him. Home was the best place to him and the members of his family his first thought.

His health had been failing for several years but up to the morning of Oct. 23, 1911 he had been able to attend to his ordinary duties, when the summons came suddenly and as the afternoon waned, he quietly passed to his rest. His span of life covering 63 years, 8 months and 22 days.

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LEESBURG.

Nov. 6, 1911.

Miss Jessie Smith was a visitor in Cincinnati Saturday night and Sunday.

Prof. Wilbur Cornetet and family, of South Salem, were guests of E. W. Pavey and wife last week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Redkey and daughters entertained with a six o'clock dinner Friday evening Silas Sparks and wife, Mrs. Charles Sanders and Misses Sara and Madge Purdy.

Mrs. Mary Davis died at her home near Bridges last Saturday morning at the advance age of almost 99 years. Funeral services will be held this morning (Monday) at Fairfield church.

The Madison and Fairfield township S. S. Convention was held here in the M. E. church Sunday afternoon. An enthusiastic gathering of S. S. workers were present and had the pleasure of hearing two splendid addresses. Rev. Wilson, of New Vienna, gave an address on "Temperance" and Rev. Ellsworth, of Greenfield, "Men in the Sunday School." It was decided to hold these conventions once every quarter. The next one will be held at Fairfield Friends church.

C. B. Cox was a business visitor in Hillsboro Saturday.

Miss Bertha West was the guest of R. T. Leaverton and wife over Sunday.

The superintendent and teachers of our Public Schools will visit the Madisonville and Cincinnati schools Thursday and Friday and attend the Central Ohio Teachers' Association in Cincinnati Friday evening and Saturday.

Mrs. Cora Sparks and family, of Sabina, were guests of Silas Sparks and wife Sunday.

Miss Oscie Holmes was a delightful young hostess to the Merry Maids Society Saturday afernoon.

About six o'clock Saturday evening the fire alarm was given, calling the company to Harry Johnson's, where a blaze at the barn was under such headway that it was impossible to extinguish it. The barn with several tons of hay was entirely consumed but the company did heroic work in preventing the blaze from spreading to the other buildings near by.

Haldane Evans, of Delaware College, visited his parents, T. B. Evans and wife over Sunday.

Dr. Garner and wife and George Delaney and family motored over from Lynchburg Sunday and were guests of Dr. Srofe and family.

Mr. Sweeney is still quite ill with a serious attack of rheumatism.

Dalton Ousley spent the last half of the week with his grandparents at Martinsville.

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Grant McConnaughey fell out of an apple tree last Wednesday and broke his collar bone.

J. C. Edgington sold two fine colts at stock sale Saturday.

Polk Stratton moved from the W. H. Haley farm to Buford last week.

Clarence Stratton, of Hillsboro, was the guest of Thos. Rowe and family Sunday.

Miss Mary Anderson, who is teaching in the Samantha school, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents A. L. Anderson and wife.

Albert Shelton, Homer Harris, C. D. Vance and Cary Emery went to Hillsboro Friday and hauled Rev. J. H. Hollingsworth's goods and placed them in the parsonage at New Market.

John A. Chaney and wife, of Mowrystown, visited his sister, Mrs. T. R. Vance, last Wednesday.

Rev. J. H. Hollingsworth and family were the guests of Aunt Sarah McConnaha Thursday and Friday night.

Miss Grace Eakins gave a party to her Sunday School class Hallow'een night. A nice supper was served to the boys and all went away feeling that it was good to go to Sunday School.

Henry Shaffer will move from the Muntz farm to his own farm here in a couple of weeks.

A party from here visited Monroe Falls last Sunday.

Irvin Huff has made several hundred gallons of sorghum molasses and is still in the business.

Homer Sanders sawed a hundred cord of wood in two days for D. E. Vance. Mr. Sanders has a six horse power gasoline engine and he makes run his feed mill, corn sheller, turning lathe, cider mill and then winds up churning with it.

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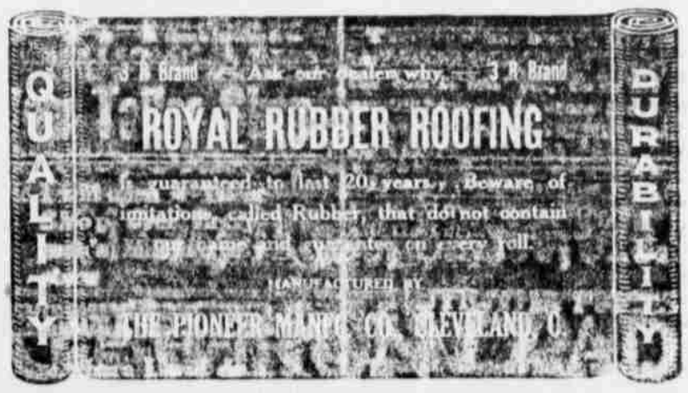

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Blobbs—Nell and Belle no longer speak to each other.

Slobbs—Is that so? What's his name?—Philadelphia Record.

A machine which sews up the open end or side of a filled bag and knots the thread without human aid is the work of a German inventor.

"Why do you always appear in public carrying a tire?"

"I can't afford an automobile just yet."—Pittsburg Post.